

REMARKS

This response is submitted as a Request for Continued Examination. The Advisory Action mailed May 19, 2008 did not indicate if the previously submitted amendments after final were accepted. Accordingly, Applicant is submitting those amendments as part of this response.

A revised Figure 1 was included with the response. The revised Figure 1 includes the correct cross-hatching for parts 18 and 34. Not that part 18 is not resin or plastic. The example illustrated in Figure 1 includes a copper sealing element 18.

The Examiner maintained the finality of the previous rejections over Totani and argued that the 'adapted for' limitation was not a structural limitation. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-8, and 10-14 as being anticipated by Totani (U.S. 4,660,868). Totani does not disclose a support member as recited in amended claims 1 and 10. Claim 1 requires that the support member include a recess ending in a face followed by a sleeve with an opening for the fluid supply pipe. The feature (10) disclosed in Totani does not include or suggest this structure. Claim 10 requires that the support include a recess that terminates at an opening for the fluid supply pipe. The Totani reference does not disclose a recess that terminates at an opening. The feature (10) in Totani does not disclose or suggest these features.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-3 as being anticipated by Richter (U.S. 5,382,057). Richter does not include a recess ending in a face followed by a sleeve as is required of the support member recited in claim 1. Accordingly, Richter cannot anticipate claims 1.

Claim 9 depends from claim 1 and was rejected as being obvious over Totani. Claim 1 includes features not disclosed or suggested by Totani and therefore claim 9 is also in allowable form.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C. \$1270.00 (\$810.00 RCE fee, \$460.00 two month extension fee) No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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